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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM ADMIRAL POVEDA TO PRESIDENT CARTER

1. ON SEPTEMBER 6 ECUADOREAN CHARGE HORACIO SEVILLA
BORJA, DELIVERED A LETTER TO AMBASSADOR VAKY ADDRESSED
TO PRESIDENT CARTER FROM ADMIRAL POVEDA. LETTER IS IN
RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S LETTER DELIVERED BY
AMBASSADOR VAKY TO POVEDA IN BOGOTA DURING TURBAY
ELECTION. TEXT OF LETTER FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: ESTIMADO SENOR PRESIDENTE: MUCHO AGRADEZCO A
USTED SU CARTA DE 2 DE AGOSTO, EN LA CUAL ME EXPRESA
SUS FELICITACIONES PERSONALES Y LAS DEL PUEBLO NORTE-
AMERICANO POR LA EJEMPLAR ATMOSFERA DE RESPONSABILIDAD
CIVICA Y DE RESPETO A LOS PRINCIPIOS DEMOCRATICOS CON
QUE SE CUMPLE EL PROCESO DE RETORNO AL ORDEN CONSTITU-
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CIONAL EN MI PAIS.

AGRADEZCO CORDIALMENTE Y ACEPTO SUS EXPRESIONES DE
CONGRATULACION EN CUANTO ELLAS CONSTITUYEN UNA DEMOSTRA-
CION AMISTOSA DE LA PREOCUPACION SOLIDARIA QUE TODOS
LOS PAISES Y EN PARTICULAR LOS DE ESTE HEMISFERIO DEBEN
TENER POR AQUELLOS ACONTECIMIENTOS DE IMPORTANCIA QUE

SE ORIENTAN HACIA LA AFIRMACION - CADA VEZ MAS VIGOROSA,

DE LOS PRINCIPIOS Y VALORES - FUNDAMENTALES QUE INSPIRAN
LA ACCION DEL ESTADO EN - UNA SOCIEDAD LIBRE.

EL GOBIERNO DEL ECUADOR SE HA SENTIDO PLENAMENTE
SATISFECHO POR EL ALTO GRADO DE CIVISMO CON QUE EL
PUEBLO ECUATORIANO SE ENCUENTRA TOMANDO PARTE EN EL
PROCESO DE REESTRUCTURACION DEL ESTADO Y ABRIGA LA
SEGURIDAD DE QUE ESTE HABRA DE CULMINAR EXITOSAMENTE,
EN BENEFICIO DE LA NACION ENTERA Y DE LA COMUNIDAD
INTERAMERICANA.

EL GOBIERNO SEGUIRA ACTUANDO EN RESPETO DE ESTOS
PRINCIPIOS, CON EL UNICO PROPOSITO DE FACILITAR Y
ASEGURAR LA EXPRESION RESPONSABLE DE LA VOLUNTAD POPULAR.

NO ES ESTA LA UNICA MANIFESTACION DEMOSTRANDO SU INTERES,
SEÑOR PRESIDENTE, POR MI PAIS. OTRA EXPRESION DE ESTA
SOLIDARIA ACTITUD FUE, SIN DUDA ALGUNA, LA CONCERNIENTE
A LAS RELACIONES ECUATORIANO-PERUANAS Y A LA BUSQUEDA
DE UNA SOLUCION QUE PONGA FIN, EN TERMINOS DE JUSTICIA,
DIGNIDAD Y REALISMO, A LA CONTROVERSIA TERRITORIAL
ENTRE EL ECUADOR Y EL PERU.

EL EMBAJADOR RAYMOND GONZALEZ, CUYAS DOTES DE DIPLOMATICO
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Y AMIGO APRECIE DURANTE LA CONVERSACION QUE TUVE
RECIENTEMENTE CON EL, ME TRANSMITIO SU SALUDO Y SU
INTERES POR LOS ASUNTOS MAS VITALES PARA MI PATRIA. LE
AGRADEZCO SINCERAMENTE Y RECIPROCO, A MI VEZ, TALES
SENTIMIENTOS.

EN UNION DE MI SENORA ENVIO A SU DIGNA ESPOSA Y A USTED
EL TESTIMONIO DE MI AMISTAD Y APRECIO. SINCERAMENTE,
ALMIRANTE ALFREDO POVEDA BURBANO, PRESIDENTE DEL
CONSEJO SUPREMO DE GOBIERNO DEL ECUADOR. END QUOTE.

2. DURING COURSE OF MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR VAKY,
SEVILLA BORJA SAID THIS WEEK WOULD BE THE CRUCIAL ONE
FOR THE RETORNO WHEN THE GUAYAS VOTE COUNT IS COMPLETED
AND ANNOUNCED. AMBASSADOR VAKY SAID THAT THE ECUADOREAN
ELECTIONS COULD BE AN EXAMPLE TO THE REST OF LATIN
AMERICA OF A SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION, BUT THAT RECENT
RUMORS CONCERNING MANIPULATIONS OF THE PROCESS WERE
DISCONCERTING. SEVILLA BORJA SAID THE RETORNO WAS A
DIFFICULT, COMPLICATED PROCESS AND THAT HE HOPED IT
WOULD PROCEED AS SCHEDULED. SEVILLA BORJA ALSO MADE
REFERENCE TO THE ECUADOREAN-PERUVIAN BORDER DISPUTE,

AGAIN POINTING TO THE FACT THAT PRESIDENT CARTER FAILED
TO MENTION THIS DISPUTE WHEN HE SPOKE AT THE OASGA LAST

JUNE. AMBASSADOR VAKY RESPONDED THAT IT HAD NOT BEEN
PRESIDENT CARTER'S INTENTION TO LIST EVERY BORDER DISPUTE
IN THE HEMISPHERE AND THAT THOSE CITED WERE GIVEN ONLY
AS EXAMPLES. CHRISTOPHER

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